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SUBJ: UNCLASSIFIED REPORT ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE

REF: A. USNATO 2330; B. USNATO 2240

1. AT DIRECTION OF DEPUTY SYG PANSA CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) OF NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) CALLED AD HOC MEETING OF SG FOR APRIL 30 TO DISCUSS UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE REPORT TO CONGRESS ON "THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES IN EUROPE" WHICH US HAD CIRCULATED TO NPG DELEGATIONS ON APRIL 26 (REF A). SINCE NONE OF THE SG REPS HAD INSTRUCTIONS, THEY AGREED TO RETURN TO SUBJECT AT NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2. AT THE MAY 2 MEETING, NONE OF THE SG REPS INDICATED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES HAD ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE REPORT. HOWEVER, BELGIAN REP (COL DE MILD) ASKED THAT FOLLOWING COMMENTS  
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BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON:

A. PARA B.2.A, ENTITLED "NATO MILITARY FORCES", COULD HAVE POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON MBFR AND ON PUBLIC OPINION OF NATO ALLIES;

B. PARA C.2. IN PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF PARA ON CONVENTIONAL FORCES (UNDER "THE NATO TRIAD) RECOMMEND CHANGING WORD "EARLY" TO "EARLIER THAN NECESSARY". SENTENCE WOULD READ "...WITHOUT EARLIER THAN NECESSARY RECOURSE TO THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

2. MISSION COMMENT: CONVERSATION WITH BELGIAN REP AFTER THE MEETING REVEALED THAT HE WAS BASING HIS COMMENTS ON HIS UNDERSTANDING OF BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE'S APRIL 22 LETTER TO SYG LUNS (REF B). MISSION VIEW IS THAT THE COMMENTS ARE NOT USEFUL. IF WASHINGTON AGREES, WE WOULD ADVISE BELGIAN REP THAT WE FORWARDED HIS COMMENTS, BUT THAT WASHINGTON UPON REFLECTION DID NOT BELIEVE THEIR SUBSTANTIVE WEIGHT WARRANTED RECASTING OF THE UNCLASSIFIED REPORT AT LATE DATE. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

3. SEVERAL REPS SAID THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ALLIES IF US COULD DELAY PUBLIC STATEMENTS BEYOND MAY 2 RELEASE OF THE REPORT, IF POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO ALLOW ALLIED CAPITALS MORE TIME TO EXAMINE THE REPORT, AND THEREBY, TO BE BETTER PREPARED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS AS THEY ARE RAISED. STREATOR

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